if so, whether the matter has been taken up with Pakistan;

if so, the response thereto; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The matter has been taken up with the Government of Pakistan through the Indian High Commission. Government of Pakistan is yet to respond in the matter.

Misuse of Target Plus Scheme

2585. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether the DGFT has withdrawn the Target Plus Scheme due to its misuse by using fictitious documents by some leading and some other exporters;

if so, the details of those exporters who have been probed by the DGFT and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI);

the details of such schemes and the amount incurred in such cases during the last three years so far; and

the action taken by Government to withdraw these incentives to plug the revenue leakage owing to false claims made by the exporters during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (d) The reward scheme to incentivise the incremental growth in export was started on 01.04.2003 and renamed as Target Plus Scheme on 31st August 2004. The objective of the scheme was to promote exports and reward legitimate incremental export performance beyond 20%, the national target set for export. To check the misuse and abuse of the scheme, government has amended the scheme on 28.01.2004 and thereafter, by making many products and categories ineligible for the reward scheme. Further the Target Plus Scheme has been modified on 20.02.2006 to make high value exports ineligible for the benefits for exports during the year 2005-06. Since the reward scheme

has served its initial objective, it has been withdrawn for exports from 01.04.2006 on 31 st March 2006.

(b) Directorate General of Foreign Trade is investigating M/s Vishal Exports Overseas Ltd. for mis-declaration whereas Directorate of Revenue Intelligence is investigating the activities of M/s Adani Exports Ltd, M/s Aditya Corpex Pvt. Ltd, M/s Hinduja Exports Pvt Ltd, M/s Jayant Agro Organics Ltd, M/s Bagadia Brothers Pvt. Ltd, and M/s Midex Overseas Ltd. No benefit under the scheme has been granted to these applicants in respect of such exports, which are under scrutiny.

(c) The outgo under the reward schemes, till 31.03.2006, is as under:

DFCE Scheme (2003-04)	Rs. 854.07 Cr
Target Plus Scheme (2004-05)	Rs. 3795.54 Cr
Total	Rs. 4649.61 Cr

Logistical problems in SEZs

2586. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether logistics is an area of concern for an SEZ and particularly when it has port operations involved in its route plan as most of the strategic ports are over-crowded and sometimes it can take weeks for consignments to move;

if so, the details thereof; and

what action Government propose to take to redress the grievances of the developers of SEZ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Policy of the Government is to encourage and facilitate the establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in the private or joint sector in association with the State Governments or by the State Governments themselves. The location and logistics for the establishment of an SEZ are determined by the promoters of the SEZ, taking due account of the viability of the project. The government's role is to provide incentives to the developer of an SEZ for creating infrastructure, as provided for under the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005 and the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006.